

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 - 18 remain in the case.

Claim 5, 7 - 11, and 13 - 14 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform to U.S. style. No Claims have been amended to overcome prior art. Thus, the full doctrine of equivalents applies to all claim elements.

Entry of this Preliminary amendment and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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